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Transit safety efforts 'don't go far enough'

TRANSPORTATION

Feds need to act on recommendations after fatal bus-train crash, board says



Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

The Transportation Safety Board says the federal government needs to act faster and go further on bus safety in the wake of Ottawa's fatal bus-train crash of 2013.

Last December, the TSB made five recommendations to improve commercial passenger bus safety, two years after a collision between an OC Transpo bus and a VIA Rail train killed six people and injured dozens more near Fallowfield Station.

Four recommendations were directed at Transport Canada, while the fifth — to consider separating Barrhaven's railway crossings from intersections — was directed to the city of Ottawa. The TSB commended the city Tuesday for its planned feasibility study to separate five crossings in partnership with VIA Rail.

But for two of its four recommendations, Transport Canada was chastised for making only vague plans for change.

"I'm concerned these efforts don't go far enough, fast enough," said chairperson Kathy Fox in a statement Tuesday.

On the recommendation to improve bus crash safety, Transport Canada said it will review global accident data to evaluate the current situation. But Fox said there's no timeline attached to that review, and "there are no explicit plans" to develop new standards from the findings.

The department's plans to consider installing black boxes in buses also lacks a timeline, Fox said. And while Transport Canada will review international standards and consider the feasibility of requiring them in Canada, it hasn't actually committed to developing new guidelines, Fox said.

In both cases, the TSB said the department's efforts were "satisfactory in part."

Transport Canada spokesperson Natasha Gauthier said the department takes the recommendations "very seriously" and "continues to work with its provincial and territorial partners to continuously improve safety and address the recommendations made by the TSB."

The TSB reviews progress on its recommendations annually.



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Tree advocates want more data on chopping permits

FORESTRY

City report is 'flawed and unprofessional'



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

It was Easter weekend when Rockcliffe resident Al Crosby and his neighbours first noticed the red stakes marking a section of trees to be cleared on the airbase.

"They stood out like a sore thumb in the white snow," he said. But when he searched online to find out if the city issued a tree-felling permit for the swath of trees, he came up short.

After reaching out to a contact in the forestry department, he said, someone showed up on site and halted the tree-cutting plans on the land, which is being redeveloped.

As it turns out, there was no permit.

"All of those trees would have been cut down if we had not reacted," said Crosby.

At the request of Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper, city staff have compiled ward-by-ward data on the number of tree-felling permits



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Al Crosby

Most tree-felling permits were issued in College ward last year, but a city report doesn't explain why.

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issued, applied for and rejected last year.

As it turns out, most permits were issued in College Ward last

year, but the report does not explain why.

For this reason, and others, some environmental advocates

say the report does not go far enough.

At the environment committee on Tuesday, Debra Huron of the

Big Trees of Kitchissippi, called the report "flawed and unprofessional" because it does not show how many distinctive trees were removed since the urban tree conservation bylaw came into effect in 2009. Instead, the document shows the number of permits issued — but one permit can be for multiple trees.

Crosby said he wants an online live report of tree-felling permits, so residents can check in.

Anyone who wants to cut trees on private property needs a permit if a) the trunks measure at least 10 cm in diameter on properties bigger than one hectare, or b) if the tree is "distinctive" — it's bigger than 50 cm and growing on a lot less than one hectare.

The reasons for chopping distinctive trees range from infill development to safety to structural damages.

Leiper said the report marks a good start and he's confident staff will come back with more data in the future. His infill-heavy ward has lost a number of distinctive trees in recent years.

"We have seen our urban tree canopy on many of our neighbourhoods decimated," he said. "That is ultimately diminishing the reason why people move there in the first place."

TRANSIT

OC Transpo plans cuts, tweaks



Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

You've probably heard that Campus station is shutting down next Sunday, but OC Transpo officials are making changes all across the city as it prepares for lower summer ridership.

Beginning April 24, buses will no longer serve Campus station near the University of Ottawa; instead dropping students off at Laurier station or taking them through Sandy Hill to King Edward Avenue.

But, routes 4, 104 and 111 to Carleton University will also be reduced during the day as the winter semester ends, and the O-Train will run less often outside of peak hours during the week and on Sundays.

Route 129 to La Cite college will also be reduced on weekdays, although it will run a few extra trips until exams end April 27.

But it's not all cuts. De La Salle, while it's losing a Route 602 trip, will gain an extra Route 9 trip in the mornings and afternoons. And OC Transpo is tweaking routes in other parts of the city.

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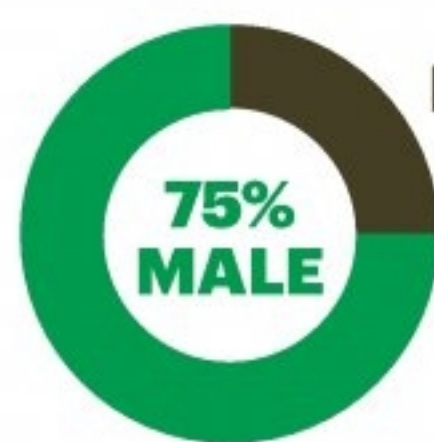
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The three biggest areas where training is requested



More than 50 per cent of training covered by HR Proactive relates to sexual harassment

SMALL BUSINESS

Ramps opening up access



Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

If you've ever used a wheelchair, walker or stroller, you know it can be hard to access a main street shop.

Steps could stop you cold, or the doorway isn't wide enough.

Two dedicated volunteers are trying to fix that, one ramp at a time. Chris Binkowski and Olivia Keays are the brains behind Stoppgap Ottawa, a grassroots program that aims to provide free, custom ramps to small business owners.

With the help of the Ottawa Tool Library and the Wellington West BIA, the group built 10 temporary ramps last fall for businesses in Hintonburg and Wellington Village.

Sushi Umi has one, and so does the House of Barons hair salon next door. And it's catching on. Little Jo Berry's owner Jo Masterson can't wait to get a ramp for her new business.

Keays said the demand far outstrips supply. This spring, the group plans to build another six or seven custom ramps, as resources allow.

To provide the ramps for free, the Stoppgap duo relies on the financial support of the BIA and other sponsors, as well as volunteers who can offer their time and woodworking skills.

While the tool library has provided space and equipment, the missing piece so far has been sourcing materials: they're always looking for businesses to donate lumber and paint, Keays said.

And it's been a struggle expanding to other neighbourhoods. Keays said places like the ByWard Market are more difficult because sidewalk space is at a premium.

SENSITIVITY TRAINING

Counsellors say preemption the best option rarely taken



Sara Ericsson
For Metro | Ottawa

As Ottawa MPP Jack MacLaren heads into sensitivity training following explicit remarks he made about Liberal MP Karen McCrimmon surfaced online, experts say he may benefit from lessons learned in their tutorials.

Premier Kathleen Wynne is proposing a "code of conduct" for all MPPs and has called for Tory Leader Patrick Brown to remove MacLaren from caucus, saying the joke is "the kind of language and behaviour that fuels misogyny."

Diane Mason, president and owner of HR Proactive, which teaches sensitivity courses in Ottawa and throughout Canada, says sensitivity training can stop the problem in its tracks but is often only requested after a harassment complaint has been made.

The organization's One-to-One program offers individualized half-day sessions that include classwork, informational videos and discussion. Mason says the four most common training subjects



Progressive Conservative MPP Jack MacLaren tried to avoid the media for an hour after question period ended. ROB FERGUSON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

are sexual harassment, bullying and violence, leadership communication and coaching as well as race and culture.

Over 50 per cent of HR Proactive cases focus on sexual harassment, and 75 per cent of clients are male, according to Mason.

The process can be unpleasant for parties on both sides — those who make the com-

plaint and those who receive training.

"Anything can happen in the workplace. It's how you handle it that counts," she said.

Mason says her clients "often don't realize they've crossed a line" when the harassment occurs. Her organization's approach is not to change these employees but

rather to "help give them tools to help combat these issues in the workplace."

Breakview Training also offers sensitivity training workshops across Canada and has an office in Ottawa. Owner Charles Gordon believes many of his workshop attendees are fully aware of their boundaries and when they cross them.

Approximately 80 to 90 per cent of the Breakview Training's clients are those in leadership positions at their respective companies. The most predominant area his clients require training in is bullying — an issue he says is often overlooked in leadership roles where employees often aren't held accountable for their actions.

"If someone is a good performer, the company will tend to dance around the issue until it's reaching litigation," he said.

Workshops are structured around an interactive course-work model using a "metacognitive" approach, which gets attendees "thinking about how they think."

Discussions outlining how attendees react when dealing with individuals they feel cross boundaries help instructors determine areas to work on and develop.

These are reinforced through class work, as instructors strive toward getting attendees to understand proper ways of dealing with the situation.

Both Mason and Gordon say it's better when training is pre-emptive and occurs before there are problems or issues occurring.

In Gordon's eyes, "It's better to help employees understand what their responsibilities are before they cross that line."

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HIV/AIDS

Local restaurants serve up generosity



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Wondering what to make for dinner? How about some reservations?

Thirty-seven restaurants and one art gallery will donate 25 per cent of Wednesday's proceeds to local HIV/AIDS programs.

The 18th annual Taste For Life event hopes to raise \$90,000 this year, to be split between the national Snowy Owl AIDS Foundation and local non-profit Bruce House, which operates a 24/7 care facility for people with HIV/AIDS in Westboro. It also provides 40 stable housing units across Ottawa, and has just launched a new short-term support service to support clients during crises.

Event co-ordinator Jill Woodley called Taste for Life "a true

community event": Not only does it support vital HIV/AIDS programs in the capital, it also promotes the city's burgeoning food scene.

"Ottawa's becoming a real hub for foodies. It's got incredible diversity and our event shows that," Woodley said.

From Clocktower Pub locations to hole-in-the-wall gourmet eateries, Woodley said all tastes are covered.

That is, if you can get a seat.

“Ottawa's becoming a real hub for foodies. It's got incredible diversity.”

Jill Woodley

REGULATION

Sparks Street bylaw still applies: City



Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The 30-year-old bylaw at the centre of the Sparks Street T-shirt snafu still applies today, even after amalgamation, the City of Ottawa confirmed Tuesday.

Last Friday, local artist Andrew King was tossed from the pedestrian mall because he did not first ask permission to hand out free T-shirts promoting Ottawa 2017 with an illustration he designed.

On Monday, the City released a statement saying the municipal Use and Care of Roads bylaw does not prohibit handing out free items.

But Kevin McHale, head of the

Sparks Street Mall Authority, said there is another bylaw, specific to Sparks Street, that regulates the displaying of any goods.

On Tuesday, David White, the city's deputy solicitor, said while that bylaw was amended, it was never repealed.

Below is White's statement: "The Sparks Street By-law (200-86) was enacted by the former Corporation of the City of Ottawa. That By-law was later amended ... The amended By-law was not repealed prior to municipal amalgamation in 2001 and, as a result, it was continued as a by-law of the new City of Ottawa by operation of subsection 5(6) of the City of Ottawa Act, 1999. As a result, subsection 14(3) of the amended Sparks Street By-law is still in effect."



Ashley Falsetto is worried her daughter Sophia won't be able to access a specific autism treatment in Ontario. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

'She'll be thrown into the school system'

PROVINCE

Changes to autism program worry parents



Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ashley Falsetto said her daughter Sophia has been on the waiting list for an autism program for two-and-a-half years, but now the Ottawa mom is worried all the time spent waiting will only result in one year of treatment.

Falsetto was one of dozens of demonstrators on Parliament Hill Tuesday criticizing the provincial government's decision to change the age requirements for the Ontario Autism Program.

The province announced last week that funding for Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) will increase by \$333-million, but age requirements would be limited to two to four-year-olds.

"My issue is that at the age of five she'll be thrown into a school system, regardless of her progress, and the school has not had the funding to help these children," said Falsetto.

She said she's now planning to move to Alberta in order to access better care.

“The school has not had the funding to help these children.”

Ashley Falsetto

"It's our only choice if the decision is not reversed," she said.

Parents, allies and people with autism gathered on the Hill Tuesday for the fourth annual Autism on the Hill Day — joined this year by other protesters angry about Ontario's changes to the care system.

While a number of politicians, including Senator Jim Munson

and opposition leader Rona Ambrose, attended the event, the speeches were non-political.

The signs brandished by around 13 parents at the edge of the gathering had slogans like "ASD (autism spectrum disorder) kids lose with Wynne" and "Autism Doesn't Stop at 5."

The province said the new age limits would mean fewer waiting lists and younger children getting faster care, but many parents who want IBI for their children are upset.

Autism on the Hill organizer Suzanne Jacobson, founder of QuickStart Early Intervention for Autism, said she is still waiting for more details from the Ontario government on their plan.

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Organic berries may carry hepatitis A

Ontario's chief medical officer of health is warning that people who ate recalled frozen berries in the last 14 days should get their hepatitis A vaccine as soon as possible.

Costco's Nature's Touch Organic Berry Cherry Blend was recalled April 15, and the advisory is in effect for purchases made starting from Dec. 11 to present.

"Costco is working together with public health units across the province to have hepatitis vaccines available for Ontar-

ians," reads a statement sent out by David Williams. "Costco locations are holding free hepatitis A vaccine clinics for individuals affected by the recall."

The statement instructs people interested in the vaccine to call Costco locations directly.

The release said 13 cases of hepatitis A have been linked to the recall, most of which are in Ontario.

Hepatitis A is a virus that causes a liver infection.

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Ontario should integrate its health care in correctional institutions through the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, according to a new John Howard Society report. GETTY IMAGES

Prison health 'in crisis,' report says

JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

Inmates have higher rate of chronic health problems



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ontario's health ministry should tackle a "growing health crisis" facing the province's correctional institutions, according to a new report by the John Howard Society.

The report, released on Tuesday, urges the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care to take the reins on patient care away from superintendents.

"Incarcerated populations have a higher prevalence of acute and chronic health conditions compared to the general population," reads the criminal justice organization's report.

But with security issues and limited resources in Ontario

correctional institutions, superintendents struggle to provide their inmates with equal access to health care professionals.

Norway, Sweden, England, Scotland, Wales, Nova Scotia and Alberta are among the jurisdictions that have already started integrating health care services in correctional institutions through their respective ministries of health.

As a result, Nova Scotia has reported an improved continuity of care for incarcerated men and women returning to their communities, reduced rates of recidivism and improved health of the correctional population.

Not only is it ethical to better treat these individuals, but doing so will help the province's health care system in the long run, argues the John Howard Society.

After all, most of incarcerated individuals return to society. Correctional institutions should do more to aid the medical problems of inmates, the report says, so these people don't burden the health care system later.

+ HARD NUMBERS

Countrywide, here's a breakdown in statistics on the health of correctional institutions:

- The rate of mental health issues is two to three times that of the general Canadian population.
- The rate of HIV is 1.2 per cent, or seven to 10 times higher than the national average.
- The Hepatitis C rate is a whopping 28 per cent, compared to 0.8 per cent across the country.
- Incarcerated people die of natural causes 15 years younger than those living in Canadian communities.



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Fossil Free uOttawa is asking the school to remove oil-and-gas shares from its endowment and pension investment funds over the next five years. **HALEY RITCHIE/METRO**

Board to rule on abandoning oil

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Fossil Free feels confident despite lengthy, spirited debate

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The University of Ottawa Board of Governors will meet next week to vote on whether the school should continue investing in fossil fuels or make an environmental statement by shedding its oil-and-gas shares.

Fossil Free uOttawa organizer and fourth-year developmental-psychology student Misha Voloaca said he's confident the board will vote to divest.

"There's support from the university community, and we hope the board will listen to the science, the economics and the university community," he said.

"We need to move as fast as we can. Investing in these

companies is the wrong direction," he said.

The university is already committed to publishing the carbon footprint of its \$2-billion investment portfolio, but large-scale divestment from fossil fuels remains controversial.

Concordia University is the only school in Canada committed to divestment, but the global movement has gained more traction in the United States. The University of Toronto and McGill University recently voted against divestment.

Fossil Free uOttawa is asking the school to remove oil-and-gas shares from its endowment and pension investment funds over the next five years.

Earlier in the year, a group of 90 current and retired professors from the school sent an open letter to then-president Allan Rock asking for divestment.

Last summer, the university commissioned a report on the

issue by Tessa Hebb, director of the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation, and an expert in ethical investing, who recommended against divestment.

"Divestment is seen as a blunt and ineffective policy by most responsible investors," wrote Hebb. "I do not recommend divestment from fossil fuels as a meaningful or effective strategy to address climate change."

Hebb suggested that the university continue to take

climate change seriously and proposed alternatives to divestment.

She said in the report that when institutions sell their shares they are merely bought by another company, and the original owner loses an opportunity to influence company behaviour.

The April 25 meeting is open to the public and starts at 5:30 p.m. in room 083 of Tabaret Hall.

We need to move as fast as we can.

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CARLETON UNIVERSITY

No-confidence vote not binding

Sara Ericsson
For Metro | Ottawa

There is no process in place to follow Carleton University's recent no-confidence vote regarding their board of governors, said the executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

David Robinson said this is because the vote is not binding and is largely symbolic.

He said the vote is still notable because non-confidence

votes at universities are rare and indicate extreme frustration of teachers and students.

"There is a serious governing problem at Carleton University ... that may cause irrevocable damage," he said.

Three unanimous no-confidence votes were passed from April 8 to 14 by unions representing faculty, librarians, administrative staff and graduate students after the board of governors passed bylaws placing lifelong gag-orders on elected board members, impeding them from reporting

on meetings.

Root Gorelick, a biology professor at Carleton, is a faculty representative on the board. He has opposed the idea from its start, claiming it infringes upon his academic freedoms and the traditional role of dissent at universities. He expects an investigation of the board's conduct will happen within the next few weeks.

"Given that the situation has gotten much more draconian, I'd wager that, absolutely, someone will go through with that," he says.

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A girl visits a relative's grave in the northern Ontario First Nations reserve in Attawapiskat, Ont., on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALBERTA

Calgary breaks 106-year-old heat record

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

A 106-year-old Calgary weather record was toppled on Tuesday afternoon as Calgarians fired up their air conditioners and barbecues with an early dose of summer temperatures.

Environment Canada recorded the high Tuesday at 26.9 C around 5 p.m. That topped the previous record set in 1910 by 0.2 degrees.

By 10 a.m. it was over 20 C in parts of Calgary — the normal high for this time of year is 13 C.

Residents flocked outside early in the day to get some sunshine before it got — dare we say it — too hot.

Kelly Kaprowski was leading a fitness class for moms with tots at the city's Glengarry Park. As moms did their workouts, many happy babies lolled on blankets in the warm sun. Just to put things in perspec-

tive, it is still April in Canada. It could just as easily been -20 C as it was in 1927, or there could still have been 20 centimetres of snow on the ground, as there was in 1955.

Kaprowski said she had toyed with the idea of starting outdoor classes back in March, given the region's great spring this year.

"I'm from Calgary so I knew that probably wasn't the smartest decision," she said.

Many Calgarians headed

to the park for a stroll, while some even got in the Bow River with paddle boards and surf boards.

Warm weather isn't all sunshine for everyone. The province had 54 fire bans in place across Alberta, including many locations surrounding Calgary, although there are none in place for the city itself just yet.

Crews were battling various grass fires around the province Tuesday.

Struggles just beginning, Trudeau says

MENTAL HEALTH

Scope of issue only beginning to be realized, PM warns

Canada has yet to feel the full effects of mental-health issues gripping people across the country, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday as he pledged support to lower levels of government in combating the problem.

"Whether we're talking about its impact on young people, its impact on workplaces around the country, whether its impact on servicemen and women, we are only beginning to realize the scale, the scope of the problem," Trudeau said as he met members of the Canadian Teachers Federation.

The prime minister said his government would work with the provinces and territories to

build the ranks of the counselors, psychiatrists and psychologists who work with people facing mental-health struggles.

"I wouldn't be my mother's son if I wasn't a strong advocate for mental-health and de-stigmatization of mental health," Trudeau said as he marked his six-month anniversary since being elected to power.

His mother, Margaret, underwent decades of treatment for bipolar disorder, recounting her personal struggles in her book, *Changing My Mind*.

The prime minister acknowledged there is no easy solution to mental-health problems, particularly in indigenous communities.

But he suggested the recent spate of suicides and attempted suicides by First Nations young people is linked to what he described as generational neglect of indigenous issues by successive past governments.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

2 pregnant women positive for Zika

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia health officials say two pregnant women are among seven people in this province who recently tested positive for the Zika virus, which has been linked to birth defects.

Dr. Bonnie Henry, deputy provincial health officer, could not comment on the condition of the pregnant women for privacy

reasons, except to say they are being closely monitored.

"We're watching them carefully," Henry told Metro. "It's quite distressing, of course, because we just don't have all the answers yet about the Zika virus and about what might happen."

Dr. Julie van Schalkwyk, head of obstetrics and gynecology at B.C. Women's Hospital who is a specialist for pregnant women with infectious diseases, said neither woman has shown any signs of complications.



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Coverup of mass abuse of 'vagrants'

SOUTH KOREA

Kids, disabled and homeless forcibly detained in '70s and '80s

Three decades ago, a policeman tortured Choi Seung-woo over a piece of bread he found in the boy's schoolbag.

After being stripped and having a cigarette lighter repeatedly sparked near his genitals, the 14-year-old falsely confessed to stealing the bread. Two men with clubs came and dragged him off to the Brothers Home, a mountainside institution where some of the worst human rights atrocities in modern South Korean history took place.

Even now, Choi weeps as he speaks of what happened there.

A guard in Choi's dormitory raped him that night in 1982, and the next, and the next. So began five hellish years of slave labour and near-daily assaults.

Choi was one of thousands

— the homeless, the drunk, the unlucky, but mostly children and the disabled — who were forced into facilities for so-called vagrants in the 1970s and '80s. The roundup came as the ruling dictators prepared to bid for and host the 1988 Seoul Olympics, which they saw as international validation of South Korea's arrival as a modern country. So they ordered police and local officials to "purify" the streets.

Today, nobody has been held accountable for the hundreds of deaths, rapes and beatings on the grounds of Brothers, the largest of dozens of facilities for those considered undesirable, according to an Associated Press investigation. The AP found that abuse at Brothers, previously almost unknown, was much more vicious and widespread than had been realized.

Secrecy around Brothers persists because of a coverup at the highest levels. Two early attempts to investigate were suppressed by senior officials who went on to thrive in high-

LABOUR

Nearly 4,000 were at Brothers. Once an orphanage, Brothers Home at its peak had more than 20 factories behind its well-guarded walls in the southern port city of Busan, churning out goods made by inmates.

profile jobs; one remains a senior adviser to the current ruling party. The few former inmates speaking out want a new investigation. The government is blocking an opposition lawmaker's push to revisit the case, contending that the evidence is too old.

The official silence means that even as South Korea prepares for its second Olympics, in 2018, thousands of traumatized former inmates have still received no compensation, let alone public recognition or an apology.

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These images show child inmates line up for morning assembly, and more children being unloaded from a truck at the Brothers Home in Busan, South Korea. YONHAP VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. ELECTION

Presidential race heads to Empire State

Hillary Clinton looked to her adopted home state of New York for a convincing primary victory Tuesday to strengthen her claim to the Democratic presidential nomination, while Republican Donald Trump hoped a big win would steady his cam-

paign after setbacks and internal turmoil.

The fight for New York's delegate haul has consumed the presidential contenders for two weeks, an eternity in the fast-moving White House race. Candidates blanketed every corner of New York,

bidding for votes from Manhattan and the surrounding boroughs to the working class cities and rural enclaves that dot the rest of the state.

Among Democrats, Clinton has 1,758 delegates to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' 1,076. Those totals in-

clude both pledged delegates from primaries and caucuses and superdelegates, the party insiders who can back the candidate of their choice regardless of how their state votes. It takes 2,383 to win the Democratic nomination.

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IN BRIEF

Five arrested for forming right-wing terror group

Five people were arrested in Germany on Tuesday on suspicion of founding a right-wing terror group called the "Freital Group" to attack refugee homes and other facilities.

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Syria's Palmyra arch recreated in London

A 2,000-year-old Syria arch destroyed by Daesh is back — in replica — in London's Trafalgar Square. The Arch of Triumph in Palmyra was part of one of the world's most extensive archeological sites.

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82 per cent of survey respondents reported buying an average of two gifts a month. iStock

Here comes the cash

MONEY

Revealed: the generous gifting habits of Canadians

Canadians spend an average of \$166 a month on gifts, excluding Christmas and other holidays, according to the results of a survey conducted by a popular online shopping site.

"I was surprised by how much Canadians are spending," said Sari Friedman, director of marketing for Ebates.ca. "Once you start adding that up, you're talking about a big chunk of change for the year."

In all, 82 per cent of survey respondents reported buying an average of two gifts a month.

After Christmas, spending on gifts by Canadians begins ramping up again about three weeks before Mother's Day, said Friedman. The increased spending continues throughout the summer in part because more people are married in the summer, creating a greater number of gifting occasions, including wedding showers and anniversaries.

To stay on track financially,

Friedman recommends making a list of upcoming gift occasions and budgeting and shopping in advance where possible, to take advantage of sales.

She also recommends interacting with brands on social media, like Facebook, to keep track of special offers.

"It's really about shopping smart for gifts, and really being prepared," said Friedman.

More than a third of survey respondents — 36 per cent — said they give better gifts than they get. Re-gifting is common, with 20 per cent admitting to re-gifting birthday gifts and 14 per cent re-gifting hostess gifts.

Re-gifting is lowest when it comes to Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts.

Respondents said they prefer cash over other gifts at a wedding, and said they tend to spend the most on birthday and anniversary gifts for their partner, Friedman said.

"They're also cited as being the hardest gifts to shop for. I think that's because there is so much emotion behind it. You care about getting them a really great gift that they are going to love. Sometimes it takes longer to find the perfect thing," said Friedman.

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parent on Mother's Day and Father's Day this year.

4 Men spend 30 per cent more on gifts for Mother's Day than women. Men spend an average of \$71, while women spend an average of \$54 on their moms.

5 Women (86 per cent) are likely to be more generous with the number of gifts they buy, while men spend more across all categories by about 25 per cent.

SOURCE: EBATES CANADA

DAIRY

Pea-based milk looking to make a splash



Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Plant and nut-based milk is nothing new, as consumers, both lactose intolerant and not, are increasingly finding non-dairy alternatives for that morning bowl of cereal.

According to the latest data from Nielsen, almond milk saw a surge in sales in 2015, while cow's milk sales contracted —

and the trend isn't bucking, with cashew and coconut milks seeing an uptick in popularity as well.

Now, another non-dairy product is about to make a splash in the milk market.

The pea-based milk by California-based Ripple Foods, created by Adam Lowry, the cofounder of Method Soap, is claiming to be the next big thing in dairy alternatives and will even solve the issue of unsustainability and the carbon

footprint created by producing cow and almond milks.

The vegan, organic and gluten-free milk is produced using yellow pea protein and contains sunflower oil, cane sugar, algal oil and a host of vitamins and minerals. The company boasts its plant-based milk contains more calcium, potassium and protein than cow's milk, as well as less sugar.

If taste is of your concern, Lowry was well aware that a milk made of peas that tastes

like peas may turn people off, but says Ripple's formula tastes more similar to cow's milk than its competitors.

Ripple also says their pea-based milk only takes half a gallon of water per glass to make, compared to cow's milk, which takes 1,000 gallons, while almond milk takes 20 gallons of water per glass to produce.

Ripple will make its debut in May at Whole Foods supermarkets in the U.S.

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MORE SURVEY FINDINGS

1 Average spending on birthday and anniversary gifts: \$101 per gift

2 Wedding gifts: \$146 per person, with 36 per cent of respondents preferring to receive cash and 32 per cent citing store-bought gifts as their preference. Ten per cent would prefer gift certificates and 18 per cent had no preference.

3 Respondents expect to spend \$63 on each



ROSEMARY WESTWOOD **ON BLACK LIVES MATTER**

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Canadian chapters of Black Lives Matter have, through recent protest actions, achieved substantive victories, but have so far failed to attract the kind of broad mainstream attention given to the U.S. movement, in cities like Ferguson and Baltimore. **Are we unwilling to face homegrown racism?**

In late March, before spring had sprung, Black Lives Matter protesters camped for two weeks in icy, wet weather outside Toronto Police Headquarters.

Not that you likely heard much about it. If you live outside Toronto, you probably had no clue. Torontonians might have heard some details, but coverage wasn't exactly overwhelming. It certainly wasn't national news.

Which is odd. Dozens of black-rights protesters occupied 24/7 the entrance to the largest municipal police force in this country — in sub-zero weather. They held speeches and cookouts and pressed forward a manifesto and demands. They were spurred by the police shooting of a black man, Andrew Loku, who was unarmed save for a hammer and whose death was investigated in relative secrecy.

It sounds a lot like the ingredients of a Black Lives Matter protest in the U.S., and maybe if it was, you might have heard about it.

Especially, you would think, after Toronto protesters got results: There will be a coroner's inquest into Loku's death; Toronto City Hall has unanimously supported a provincial

review of the Special Investigations Unit, which investigates police misconduct; Premier Kathleen Wynne and her cabinet have agreed to work with protestors to "implement meaningful change."

But I asked friends across the country, and almost none — not even those who work in media — knew about the movement. In the age of Black Lives Matter in the U.S., arguably one of the defining voices of our time, the big question is: why?

Maybe the Toronto-headquartered national media were simply afraid of Toronto-centrism (we always are). But I also think Canadians appear to care more about anti-black racism in the U.S. — and take it more seriously — than in our own country.

It's a phenomenon Anthony Morgan, a civil rights lawyer in Toronto, has dubbed "Canadian racial exceptionalism." In a column written last summer, he described how we consider ourselves both too polite and nice to be racist, and too polite and nice to talk about it. That means, when someone protests anti-black racism, the common reaction is confusion, or irritation, or perhaps a shrug.



A sign hangs at the Black Lives Matter protest site in front of Toronto Police Headquarters. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"We in Canada grow comfortable by scapegoating the United States and their narrative, and saying, 'Well, at least it's not as bad,'" Morgan told me. Having avoided the depth and scope of American Jim Crow, we imagine ourselves innocent.

Canadians consider this a post-racial country, agreed

Rodney Diverlus, a co-founder of Black Lives Matter TO. "What that means is we've missed out on the opportunity to have national conversations about anti-black racism while it's still happening here," he said.

Of course, some people outside Toronto did hear about the protest, and they set up

solidarity movements in Ottawa, Montreal and Vancouver. One of the seven young women organizers in Vancouver, Holly Bishu, said that if you want to know about racism in this country, just ask someone of colour; you'll hear that "it's not post-racial at all."

"I've experienced so many things growing up here that I didn't even realize were so harmful until I got old enough to be like, 'Oh my goodness, let me examine these,' and it was a lot of anti-blackness," she said.

Some specifics, should you need them: Black Canadians were the fastest growing population of federal inmates in a 2016 report, despite being only about three per cent of the population. They're three times more likely to be carded by police than whites in Toronto and are overrepresented among kids in care. Last month, the United Nations criticized Canada's record on child welfare, health, education and unemployment when it comes to its black citizens.

Meanwhile, a Forum Research poll of Torontonians, released last week, found only half of Torontonians agreed there is systemic racism in the city.

It took about a week for Toronto's mainstream media coverage of the protest to really pick up. Reporters were keen to cover a police clash with protestors, a contentious tweet from an organizer, and the movement's protest outside the house of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne. Diverlus, who was tasked with media relations, said interest was largely confined to stories about tension between the protest and other groups, with the systemic-racism angle getting short shrift. Some stories, for example, didn't mention Andrew Loku's name at all.

For someone writing about this, right now, you'd think I would have known better. You'd think I would have at least gone to the protest. Or written about it sooner. I did not.

I'm not an example of what should be done, but I am a curious participant. I finally sensed, by the end of the second week of the protest, that I had missed something fairly big, and fairly obvious. Morgan calls this the need for reconciliation, between the Canada we think we are, and the Canada we really are. Which is to say: One that needs to wake up.



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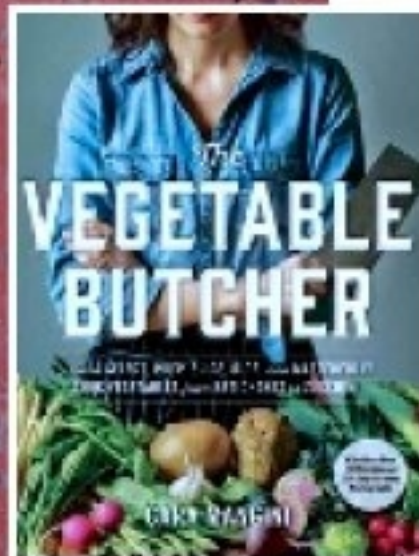
A light and in-season snack



PREP

To boil fiddleheads

This is a necessary step to eliminate any bitterness in the ferns. Once they are boiled, you can use them as is or toss them into a saute, risotto, or pasta (add at the last minute). Drop the fiddleheads in a large pot of salted boiling water and cook until they are bright green and just tender, 3 to 5 minutes depending on size and thickness. Lift them with a spider and transfer them to an ice-water bath to cool. Drain them well and transfer them to a dish towel to dry.



RECIPE

Celebrate spring's arrival with fiddleheads

To Clean and Prep Fiddleheads:

1. Immerse fiddlehead ferns in a bowl of cool water and use your fingers to rub off the brown papery scales that cover the coils.
2. Gently unfurl the fern, if needed, to remove any scales stuck between the

Orange-Shallot Fiddlehead Ferns and Ricotta Crostini

Makes 14 to 16 crostini

Whisk together 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice, ½ teaspoon freshly grated orange zest, 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar or champagne vinegar, 2 teaspoons pure maple syrup, 2 teaspoons minced shallots, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper in a medium-size bowl. Slowly stream in 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive



coils. Rinse the ferns under cold water in a colander and drain them.

3. Immerse the fiddleheads again in a bowl of cool water if needed, agitating them to release any remaining film. Rinse them again and drain.

4. Wrap the ferns in a clean, dry dish towel.

5. Gently shake the bundle back and forth to remove any remaining scales.

6. Trim the woody stem ends of the fiddleheads with a paring knife

oil, whisking to combine. Add 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh chives and ½ pound fiddlehead ferns, cleaned, trimmed, boiled until just tender, shocked in an ice bath, and drained, and toss to coat.

Divide ¾ cup whole-milk ricotta cheese among 14 to 16 small crostini, spreading it on each. Lift 2 to 3 of the fiddlehead ferns from the bowl with a slotted spoon and place on top of each crostini. Lightly drizzle with some of the vinaigrette and top with a pinch of chopped chives.

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A whimsical look at the mundane

Japanese artist Tatsuya Tanaka has been creating tiny scenes each day for almost five years, using everything from broccoli, to sushi rolls and sponges. Tanaka takes a picture of each display to create a Miniature Calendar gallery online. "Broccoli and parsley might sometimes look like a forest, or the tree leaves floating on the surface of the water might sometimes look like little boats," he writes. "Everyone must have had similar thoughts at least once." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF TATSUYA TANAKA**

DEEP AND DELICIOUS

A dessert makes for a handy "Cave" in this scene from Nov 21, 2014.



VEGGIES WITH A VIEW

This July, 11, 2015, scene validates thoughts broccoli looks like trees.



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Two tiny alpinists tackle a sandwich peak on Feb. 11, 2016.



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We have "Lift off" on February 29, 2016.



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Female agent brings humanity to drama



Olivia Colman plays Angela Burr on *The Night Manager*. AMC

THE SHOW: *The Night Manager*, Season 1, Episode 4 (AMC)
THE MOMENT: The sports day speech

British intelligence agent Angela Burr (the magnificent Olivia Colman) and her younger colleague Grace (Simona Brown) are working late, tracking Richard Roper (Hugh Laurie), an arms trafficker. "Shouldn't you go home?" Grace asks.

"My husband knows why I do this," Angela replies. "He knows about the school sports day."

Calmly, simply, Angela tells Grace the story: In Baghdad in 2003, two shells fell on a school playing field. One was mustard gas, which burnt the hands and faces of the children. (Here Angela begins to cry, but she carries on.) The other was sarin gas, which destroyed their lungs. Roper, who was there, began selling sarin after that.

"Roper saw what I saw, and he thought, Business," Angela concludes. "So Mr. Burr knows I have to be here."

Whoa. This miniseries, based on John LeCarre's novel, spends the bulk of its time with posh, blue-eyed men — Roper, his faithful henchman Corky (Tom Hollander); and his nemesis Jonathan, a newly recruited spy (Tom Hiddleston). They're forever jetting from Mallorca to Egypt, eyeballing one another coolly, and saying things like, "I think one is becoming a tad deranged." It's intelligent, amoral and deeply unsettling.

So the counterweight Angela provides is crucial. In the novel, her character was a man. To switch it to a woman, and to cast Colman, was genius. She's every bit as intelligent and fierce as her foes, but we need her heart and humanity to remind us that Roper's mansions and islands, his yachts and champagnes, come at an unfathomable cost.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

NEWS IN BRIEF



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LIFE STORIES

Going the distance in the fight against cancer

What is Relay For Life? It's a community-based event in which teams raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society by taking turns walking a track. But it's also a celebration, honouring the experiences of people whose lives have been touched by cancer.

In 2015 alone, 196,900 Canadians were diagnosed with cancer — one every three minutes. Alison Williams, from Newmarket, Ontario, received her diagnosis in 1997, the same year she lost her sister Suzy to the disease.

Williams and her father, also a cancer survivor, first became involved with the Canadian Cancer Society 17 years ago when they began a bonspiel fundraiser, Curl for Cancer, in Suzy's memory. It was through Alison's work with the Society that she first heard about Relay For Life. "I wanted to give back to the community, so I got a team of 10 people together," Williams says. "Once the event was over, I was hooked."

Williams is a teacher, but her involvement with Relay has taught her many things. In fact, she equates Relay For Life with her own journey: Things seemed darkest after her diagnosis as she faced the uncertainties of treatment and recovery. But she kept moving forward, toward the start of a new day.

Walking the track while hundreds of people — pulled from different communities of family, friends, co-workers and neighbours — come together to cheer on cancer



A PARADE OF CANCER SURVIVORS KICKS OFF EACH RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT. CONTRIBUTED



ALISON WILLIAMS, FAR RIGHT, AND HER RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM. CONTRIBUTED

survivors is deeply inspiring, she says. Every Relay For Life across Canada begins with a Survivors' Lap, a ceremony where cancer survivors are invited to circle the track together to celebrate their victories, both big and small, against the disease. For Williams, the Survivors' Lap is especially emotional because it illustrates the direct impact of Relay For Life and the funds it raises. "We're getting more and more people out to the event each year," she says of the event in Newmarket. "The first year there were 30 or 40 people in the Survivors' Lap. Now there are around 200. That shows that more people are surviving."

The Luminary Ceremony is another important aspect of Relay For Life. Luminaries are special paper bags with candles placed in them and inscribed with the names of cancer survivors and those who have died from the disease. At twilight, loved ones light the candles to illuminate the track and inspire participants. The event is also a celebration, and participants are invited to take part in trackside activities and have some fun.

It's easy to get involved. In 2016, more than 300 communities across Canada will host Relay For Life events. In the 17 years that the Canadian Cancer Society has been hosting these events, it has raised more than \$496 million. Over the years, these funds have been invested to fight more than 200 types of cancer through research and other vital work. They have also funded support programs for patients. Today more than 60 per cent of people diagnosed with cancer will survive, compared with 25 per cent in the 1940s, when the charity began funding research. Participating in Relay For Life is simple. And its effects can last a lifetime.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Go to relayforlife.ca to register or get event information in your community.

Paying it forward

The baton is a powerful symbol of the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life. The event is team-based, and accepting the baton from a teammate symbolizes the continuing fight against cancer. In passing the Relay baton, participants are passing energy, emotion and symbolizing that they are all in the fight together.

To help spread awareness of Relay For Life, members of the news media — newspapers, blogs and radio stations — across Canada are collaborating with the Canadian Cancer Society to participate in a virtual baton-passing relay called #MediaRelayForLife.

"Each one of us has a different story," says cancer survivor Alison Williams of Newmarket, Ontario. And bringing these stories together is empowering for all people whose lives have been touched by the disease. Now in its second year, the #MediaRelayForLife campaign builds awareness by interviewing Relay For Life participants, from caregivers to survivors. From April 18 until May 31, press outlets from across the country will tell the stories of these champions. Look for these stories throughout the campaign and share them through social media using the hashtag #MediaRelayForLife.



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Half coupe, half hatchback, all fun



REVIEW

Unique details add up to one distinctive ride

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada



The Hyundai Veloster debuted back in 2011. So five years of me looking and pondering its unique exterior style and shape, which marries sport coupe and hatchback themes, and I still can't decide whether I like it or not.

Some days it seems fresh and menacing. Other days it seems too thick and chunky, especially in profile.

But for 2016, Hyundai sought fit to introduce a new Rally Edition, featuring a stunning blue matte paint job, trick wheels, (faux) carbon fibre detailing around the grille, and a slightly lower stance (with commensurate suspension tuning), and it tipped the scales for me. I am now fully 51 per cent in favour of Veloster's distinctive appearance.

It seems like the Rally Edition was created to give people another way to access the two main drawing cards of the Veloster's charismatic turbo model — the 201-horsepower turbo motor and the aggressive grounds-effect package looks. Both pieces dramatically alter the Veloster's personality for the better. A Veloster without them, like the base model, is a Veloster with less purpose in life.

Rally Edition and Turbo are ac-

tually equally priced at \$27,199. Turbo gives you navigation and a panoramic sunroof. Rally Edition has neither, but makes up for it with all the Rally Edition visual and suspension tweaks, and a specific Rally Edition interior. That interior is edgy and full of contrasts, with some metal-like surfaces and seat inserts rendered in the same shade as the exterior. Very cool and inviting.

All Rally Edition models, like our tester, are fitted with a six-speed manual transmission hooked up to a "B&M Racing Sport Shifter." As advertised, shift throws are short, but also direct and with good mechanical heft.

The steering also has the necessary heft and feel to make cornering a satisfying experience.

The tire and suspension tweaks have definitely upgraded the handling. But those aggressive 18-inch wheels and tires make this Veloster a bit stiff for everyday driving.

And while 201 horsepower is an awfully good number for a 1.6-litre turbo, and you will enjoy its thump, it doesn't make the vehicle jump, as say something like the 197-horsepower Ford Fiesta ST. The Hyundai doesn't handle as well as the Ford either. But that's not to say it isn't fun.

Like all Velosters, Rally Edition features a third door on the passenger side, so your rear seat passengers can get in without yoga — and it's surprisingly roomy back there for a small coupe.

Overall, the Veloster Rally Edition is distinctive and fun, with many fine details, to keep you engaged and contented on city commutes, and on romps you take for the sheer joy of it.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 HYUNDAI VELOSTER

THE BASICS

- **Type.** Three-door, four-passenger, FWD, compact sports coupe/hatchback
- **Power.** 138-hp 1.6-litre I4, 201-hp 1.6-litre turbo I4
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual, Six-speed automatic, Seven-speed automatic
- **Price.** Base \$18,599 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Rally Edition's RAYS wheels are five pounds lighter (each) than regular wheels.
- Turbo models available with new seven-speed "dual clutch" automatic with paddle shifters.



VELOSTER PHOTOS MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO; OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- "Third door" is a small one, and on the passenger side.
- Base "non turbo" engine not very sporty.
- New limited-edition Rally Edition for 2016 only available in a special Matte Blue paint.

MARKET POSITION

- Satisfying sporty coupe for those that don't need the full-on extreme sports experience.
- Targeted at a younger crowd, but mature crowd seems to like them too.

THE COMPETITION



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Aston Martin takes it to the extreme

British luxury sportscar maker Aston Martin has taken the wraps off the Vantage GT8, a limited-edition version of its standard Vantage that the company claims is as close to a road-going racing car as the law allows.

Just 150 examples are being built, and the first deliveries won't start until the end of the year. But those with the money and the patience will get a GT car infused with a host of features and systems developed through Aston Martin's endurance racing programme.

The Vantage GT8 is 100 kilograms lighter and its 4.7-litre naturally aspirated V8 has been tuned to deliver 440bhp and that power can be sent to the rear wheels via a proper manual gearbox, if the owner so desires. Otherwise, there's a paddle-shift automatic transmission in the options list.

Director of Special Projects and Motorsport, David King said: "We long held the desire to create a road car that truly reflects our racing activity at Le Mans. With the Vantage GT8, we've finally been able

to achieve that."

Though based on the standard two-seat GT car, no one will be in any doubt that the GT8 is something special. Festooned with carbon fiber aerodynamic aids, it has an extended front splitter, fixed rear wing and protruding sills finished in a choice of luminous contrasting colours.

But that's just the start, depending on how often a potential owner intends to take the car to the track. Glass interior switches can be swapped for plastic, the roof can be specified in car-

bon fiber and the side and rear windows swapped for polycarbonate to save even more weight and therefore unleash even more performance.

"Road cars are our business, but racing is the beating heart of Aston Martin," said company CEO Dr Andy Palmer.

"Beautifully engineered and set-up to be equally at home on a fabulous road or a demanding race track, the Vantage GT8 is a driver's car in the truest sense of the word." AFP



The Aston Martin Vantage GT8 (right) and the car that inspired it, the Aston Martin V8 Vantage GTE race car.

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CX-9 makes an ideal crossover

USED VEHICLE

Check water pump on 2007-2015 models

The first-generation CX-9 is the largest vehicle in Mazda's lineup.

This large crossover SUV was designed for busy families, and hit hardest with its luxurious cabin, spaciousness, and responsive driving characteristics.

Owners say that common areas for rust include the front edge of the hood, the lower, inner edge of the tailgate, and the lower, inner edges of the doors.

Some owners have reported issues with the CX-9's All Wheel Drive (AWD) system, typically at low mileage and under warranty. Though this issue doesn't seem widespread, CX-9 shoppers set on an AWD model are advised to have a Mazda mechanic check all system electronics, to inspect the Power Takeoff Unit (PTU) assembly and rear differential for signs of fluid leakage, and to confirm that no AWD warning lights are lit up in the instrument cluster.

Run the engine at idle with the hood open, and listen for a ticking sound from deep below. This sound could be the result of a bad belt pulley that's worn out.

According to the owner's community, changing a water pump in a CX-9 involves engine removal, and will be pricey. As such, shoppers are strongly advised to have a mechanic check for signs of water-pump wear, with an inspection for coolant leaking from the assembly, and coolant levels. Be absolutely sure the water pump on the model you're considering is in top shape.

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Features

It offers three seating rows, a generous cargo hold, and upscale feature content including HID lighting, a sunroof, BOSE audio, automatic climate control, push-button start, wood trim, heated leather, a motorized tailgate and plenty more.

Engines

A 3.5 or 3.7 litre V6 was standard, with up to 273 horsepower. The smaller, 3.5 litre V6, with 263 horsepower was replaced by the larger 3.7 litre unit from 2008. All models got a six-speed automatic, and most used copies will feature Mazda's Active Torque Split All Wheel Drive (AWD) system.

What owners like

The CX-9's upscale cabin, commanding driving position, roominess and flexibility, and confidence in challenging driving conditions. The BOSE stereo and xenon lights are among the favorite features, and styling is highly rated, too.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include heavy fuel use, a navigation screen that's hard to read in direct sunlight, and some low-budget interior trimmings.

The verdict

With a clean bill of health after an inspection of its cooling and AWD systems, a used Mazda CX-9 should make an ideal family crossover when sharp styling, upscale feature content and above-average attention to driving dynamics are priorities.

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BMW i3 hatchback: Calm amid chaos

VOLKSWAGEN

Budd-e will see production

Volkswagen's Budd-E Microbus-related concept will be in showrooms, likely within five years, a VW official has told British magazine, Car. Volkmar Tannenberger, head of electronic development said a car that "looks a lot like this (will) reach production. I can't say exactly when, but by 2020 or thereabouts." The company has made no secret about wanting to put the Budd-e concept's new Modular Electric platform to wide use.



HONDA

Odyssey minivan goes hybrid, in Japan

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles' newly unveiled Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivan won't be the world's first when it goes on sale late this year. A new Honda Odyssey Hybrid minivan went on sale in Japan in early February, using the same Intelligent Multi-Mode Drive (i-MMD) system as in the Accord Hybrid. The Japan-market Odyssey varies significantly from, and is smaller than the model sold in North America, and there's "no chance" it will be sold here, according to alternative-vehicle webmag, Green Car Reports. But, "if nothing else, a minivan with the two-motor hybrid system would be a good rival" for the Pacifica.



THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news



i3

Best seller represents 'revolution'

The most energy efficient car sold in the United States for the third consecutive year represents "something of a revolution" for the whole auto industry. The 2016 BMW i3 hatchback has advanced technology in spades, a body structure made of carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic and a fully electric powertrain that can be ordered with an optional two-cylinder range-extending gasoline engine, reports auto info website, The Car Connection. Meant to provide quiet, all-electric transport for those living in congested urban centres, the BMW i3 "is absolutely the most calming, soothing vehicle we've driven in truly chaotic rush-hour traffic."

CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Niro brings new chassis

Kia focused on its "Green Car Roadmap" at the recent Chicago Auto Show, displaying hybrid and plug-in vehicles, including its much-anticipated production version of the 2017 Niro compact tall wagon. Based on an all-new eco-car platform that the automaker plans to use as its electrified vehicle base going forward, Kia says its goal is to use the platform to triple its electrified lineup by 2020. The Niro's equally all-new gasoline-electric hybrid powertrain showcases the direction Kia is taking with electrification. The new platform is engineered to offer lighter weight and greater strength.

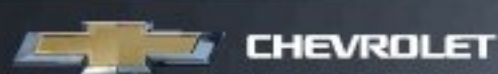


+ POWER

French roads to be covered in solar cells

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CRUISE M

BMW releases a limited edition bicycle

BMW has unveiled a new limited edition bicycle, the Cruise M, inspired by its latest premium sportscar and a bicycle that could become just as collectible.

The all-new M2 is a phenomenal everyday sports car and one that is expected to keep BMW's production lines very, very busy over the coming months, such is the anticipated demand.

However, for those that can't wait for the M2 to start shipping to their country or don't have the financial flexibility to cover the car's \$53,000 U.S. premium price tag (before options) the company on Monday wheeled out a bicycle inspired by its latest 'M' car and one that promises to be just as exclusive, yet at a fraction of the price.

The BMW Cruise M Limited Edition bike comes in the same Long Beach metallic blue finish as its four-wheeled brethren. It also uses carbon fibre and aluminum in its construction for strength without adding weight. It even has hydraulic disc brakes, front and rear. But, unlike the M2, this bike will be limited to just 1,500 examples globally and each will cost about \$1,500 US. It might read like a simple



The BMW Cruise M Limited Edition bike is being released alongside, and is inspired by, the M2 sportscar. BMW GROUP

marketing stunt, but while BMW might be better known for motorized transport — it has been building cars for 100 years and motorbikes for 93 years — 2016 will also mark the 60th anniversary of its bicycle

business.

So the bike sits on lightweight 28-inch wheels and has a 30-gear system.

The frame has been shaped so that the crossbar follows the contour of a motorbike's fuel

tank and each section of the aluminum frame has been welded in a way that the finished result looks like the bike has been pressed or moulded out of a single sheet of metal.

Every bike built will also ar-

rive with a plaque detailing its limited edition status and which of the 1,500 examples it is.

Alongside the Cruise M Limited Edition, on Monday BMW also announced its full Spring 2016 bicycle collection. AFP

+ DRIVE BRIEFS

Volkswagen will offer a sneak peek of its next flagship SUV in Beijing

VW has high hopes for its latest concept car, which will provide the foundation for next year's Touareg SUV, a vehicle the company is positioning as a serious challenger to the Volvo XC90 or Range Rover in terms of luxury, performance and style.

Volkswagen has been using each of this year's major auto shows to give the public a conceptual taste of its plans for an extended SUV range. It's already unveiled a compact and a sub-compact model, and at the Beijing show, which opens its doors to the press on April 25, it will complete the set with a full-size luxury off-roader. Though officially a concept, the show car will be a clear indicator of what to expect from the next-generation Touareg due in 2017, the company's overall flagship and one that VW wants to look right at home when parked between a BMW X6 and a Range Rover. AFP

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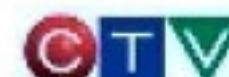
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The Warriors said nothing of concern came up in Stephen Curry's MRI on his ankle, but he remains questionable for Game 3 vs. the Rockets



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RAPTORS GAME 3 PREVIEW

Valanciunas causing Pacers fits through two games

Jonas Valanciunas is celebrating a dunk, his arms flexed, muscles bulging, eyes wild, mouth open in a primal scream. He looks like a Spartan warrior from the movie 300.

The image tells the story of Game 2, of how the 23-year-old Lithuanian carried the Toronto Raptors to a desperately needed victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Two days after early foul trouble "limited" him to 12 points and 19 rebounds, Valanciunas exploded for 23 points and 15 boards Monday, prompting Pacers star Paul George to say, "He's been huge. Literally. He's the one that's causing us problems right now."

Heading into Tuesday's playoff action, Valanciunas was the league leader in rebounds, and his solid performances

marked the first time he'd grabbed 15-plus rebounds in back-to-back games in his career.

The Raptors drafted the little-known Valanciunas fifth overall in 2011, but then kept him in Lithuania for another year to mature. It also normally takes big men longer to adapt to the NBA, and in the moments after the biggest game of his career, Dwane Casey — the only NBA head coach Valanciunas has ever played for — grinned like a proud father.

"Everybody wanted that kid to be a superstar when he first got here. He wasn't ready. But again, nobody comes to this league and sets it on fire," Casey said. "He's grown, he's developed, he's worked his butt off. I'm really proud of him. It makes me feel good to see him develop like that, play the game. It makes him feel good to not be worried about Valanciunas, about his own security, about his team's history of post-season defeat, about all the winds that have blown around this team to get to this playoff place."

"He's not a finished product," Casey added. "He's going to get better. Sky's the limit for that young man."

Valanciunas has done extra work with different coaches in



Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas throws down two of his 23 points on Monday in Toronto. He added 15 rebounds. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

past off-seasons. He spent time two summers ago working on his running with coach Jim Radcliffe at the University of Oregon. He's also worked at length with Seattle SuperSonics legend Jack

Sikma on his face-up game.

"I just want to win, and I'm doing everything to win the game," Valanciunas said. "I don't judge myself by: I'm playing good, I'm playing bad. The last play is the last play, you've gotta go there and do your job, you've got to give everything."

As the Raptors met at Biosteel Centre on Tuesday, part of the message was to get Valanciunas ready for the next game. The Pacers will look to make adjustments for Thursday's Game 3 in Indianapolis. They'll be gun-

ning to throw Valanciunas off his game.

"That's one thing we talked to JV about understanding: now they're going to come after you and get the ball out of your hands and you've got to make plays for everybody else to get easy buckets," DeMar DeRozan said. "That's what it's all about, every game is completely different, they're going to adjust to whoever's hot, whoever's got it going and that's where we pick and choose our spots to take advantage of it."

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That's the beauty of the depth we have on this team, guys step up whether it's scoring or on the defensive end, or whatever it may be.

DeMar DeRozan on Jonas Valanciunas shouldering a large load for the Raptors



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UFC

McGregor tweets about retirement

Conor McGregor has packed a punch on social media rather than inside a UFC cage.

One of the UFC's top draws, McGregor created a stir Tuesday when he tweeted that retirement was on the horizon and the UFC later tweeted that McGregor had been pulled from UFC 200 on July 9.

McGregor tweeted, "I have decided to retire young. Thanks for the cheese. Catch ya's later."

But is it truly exit octagon cage left for the Irish star?



Conor McGregor
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The 27-year-old was scheduled for a rematch against Nate Diaz in the main event of UFC 200 on July 9.

McGregor's coach added fuel to the retirement

speculation with his own tweet that said, "Well was fun while it lasted." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Newcastle, Man City draw

Newcastle is showing some late determination to avoid relegation from the top tier, drawing 1-1 with Manchester City on Tuesday after Sergio Aguero became the second fastest player to score 100 English Premier League goals.

City was seeking to strengthen its grip on third place and automatic Champions League qualification. It moved a point ahead of Arsenal, which has a game in hand.

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Seguin likely to sit out of Stars' next game vs. Wild

The Dallas Stars will likely be without standout centre Tyler Seguin again in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series against the Minnesota Wild.

Seguin has been rehabbing his Achilles tendon, which kept him out of the last 10 regular-season games plus the playoffs opener against the Wild. Seguin took part in Game 2 but was held out of Game 3.

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COURT

Manziel attack case goes to grand jury

A Dallas grand jury is scheduled to consider this week whether to charge troubled NFL quarterback Johnny Manziel with attacking his ex-girlfriend in a January incident.

Police originally presented a misdemeanor assault case to prosecutors. That charge carries a maximum punishment of one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Manziel, a former Cleveland Browns quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner at Texas A&M, is accused of hitting his

NBA PLAYOFFS

LeBron avoiding war of words with Pistons coach
LeBron James has enough to handle with the young and brash Pistons. He isn't about to fight their coach, too.

James refused to fire back at loquacious Detroit coach Stan Van Gundy, who was fined \$25,000 by the NBA on Monday for criticizing officials during Cleveland's Game 1 win over the Pistons. Upset with two non-calls in the first quarter, Van Gundy took advantage of a TV interview to present his case to the public that James gets preferential treatment from referees.

"LeBron is LeBron," Van Gundy told ABC. "They're not going to call offensive fouls on him. He gets to do what he wants."

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Nowitzki questionable for next game with knee injury

Add star Dirk Nowitzki to the long injury list for Dallas in the playoffs.

Coach Rick Carlisle said Tuesday that Nowitzki bruised his right knee when he fell early in the Mavericks' 85-84 Game 2 win over Oklahoma City in a first-round playoff series that is tied 1-1.

Nowitzki joins a list of players who might miss Game 3 on Thursday, including starting guards Deron Williams (sports hernia) and J.J. Barea (right groin strain) and backup forward David Lee (right heel).

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Johnny Manziel
GETTY IMAGES

ex-girlfriend Colleen Crowley so hard that she temporarily lost hearing in one ear.

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RECIPE Chicken and Butternut Squash Risotto



PHOTO: MAYA VISNTE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

While spring continues to play its game of here today gone tomorrow, it's good to have a couple of comfort recipes up your sleeve.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 mins
Cook time: 30 mins

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 chicken breasts, sliced into bite-size pieces
- 2 cups risotto
- 2 1/2 cups cubed butternut squash
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 4 sage leaves, chopped
- 1 cup of fresh, shaved parmesan cheese

Directions

1. Place oil in a large pot over

medium heat and add onion and chicken. Cook until chicken is lightly browned on all sides and onion is translucent.

2. Add the rice to pan and keep stirring as it gently begins to fry. It should turn translucent after about a minute. Add sage leaves, squash and 1 cup of chicken stock and allow it to simmer while you continue stirring. As stock is absorbed, add another cup. Stir. Stir. Continue adding stock until it has all been absorbed, while constantly stirring.

3. Taste the rice to be certain it is cooked. You can add warm water if you need a bit more liquid.

4. Take the pot off the heat and mix in Parmesan cheese. Cover and allow to sit for 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

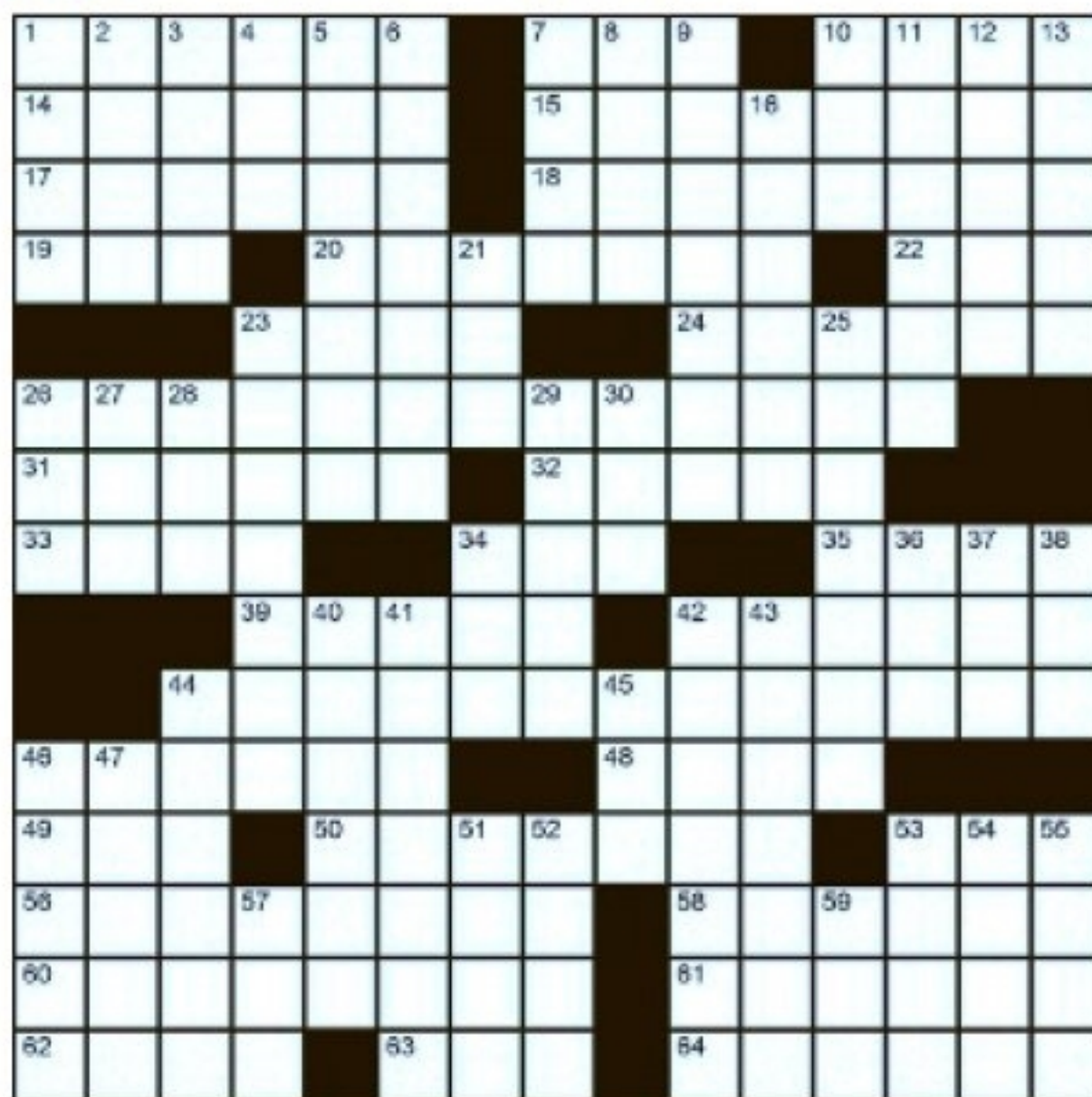
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ACROSS

1. Tranquil
7. U-571, e.g.
10. "Yes, _!"
14. Change the building's front or the doors on the kitchen cupboards
15. The correct way
17. Brief bit of a minute: 2 wds.
18. Someone from Charlottetown's province
19. Fido's father?
20. Vulture's meal
22. Marion _ (Pioneering female aviator of Canada, b.1918 - d.1995)
23. Heal
24. Fireplace section
26. Works at solving techie problems
31. Prefix to 'scopic' (Like the 3D photography technique)
32. Art gallery crime
33. Chipper
34. Archery wood
35. Dutch cheese
39. Sailor's status: 2 wds.
42. Sushi condiment
44. Toronto rapper Drake's new album due next week: 3 wds. + number
46. 19th-century English writer Emily
48. Politicians' votes
49. Former mil. Gen-eral's abbr.
50. Most embar-



53. Shakespear-ean suffix
56. Job for comedian Lily Tomlin's Ernestine character
58. Hors d' _ (Appetizer)
60. _ lamp (Rustic light source)

61. Sculptures/paintings attraction
62. Additional
63. NYC's 'N'
64. Clears

DOWN

1. Theatrical accessory
2. Ms. Horne
3. " _ Good Men" (1992)
4. ' _ in Cornwall
5. One-of-some in the drink to make it cold: 2 wds.

6. Vancouver-born actress Yvonne of '60s comedy "The Munsters": 2 wds.
7. Cleanser brand, _ and Span
8. Mr. Major the Space Bear
9. Historic theatre in Russia

10. Fellows
11. Zeals [var. sp.]
12. _ Bay, British Columbia
13. Frankincense's festive friend
16. Promenades
21. Riddle-me- _
23. Drape
25. Substantiates
26. Baking meas.
27. Pathway, for short
28. "The Star-Spangled Banner" contraction
29. Bundle
30. Shape, axe-style
34. "Of course."
36. "Lah-di- _!"
37. Pres. Lincoln
38. British spy agency (NOTE: Answer has a number in it)
40. Bright fishies in aquariums
41. _ the deal (Add incentives)
42. So so sad
43. Non-professional athlete
44. Ballot check-mark-makers
45. Deli loaf
46. In need of money
47. Fight off the flies
51. Cooked
52. Mr. Lachey (Nick's younger brother)
53. All Hallows, and others
54. Honest
55. Skirt lines
57. Pre-fish fish
59. G7 member

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Your focus will turn to money, cash flow and earnings for the next four weeks. Value your moneymaking ideas, because they will be good.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
For the next four weeks, the Sun is in your sign, recharging your batteries for the rest of the year. You will attract good circumstances and people to you. Make the most of this!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Use the next month to think about what you want your new year (birthday to birthday) to be all about. You have a month to make plans for this.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You can expect a popular month ahead because of the shift of the Sun. Enjoy schmoozing with others. Join classes, clubs, groups and associations.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun will be at the top of your chart, acting like a flattering spotlight on you for the next month. Make hay while the Sun shines!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Grab every chance to travel or expand your world in the next four weeks. If you can't travel, be a tourist in your own city. Study something new!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The shift of the Sun ushers in a month ahead where you will focus on inheritances and shared property. It's time for you to clear up loose ends and reduce your debt.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because the Sun will be opposite your sign for the next four weeks, you will need more rest than usual. Acknowledge and respect your need for sleep.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Do what you can to get better organized in the next four weeks. You want to feel that you're on top of your game and that things are running smoothly.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Slip away on a vacation in the next four weeks, because you want to party and relax. Pack a bag and leave town! Fun and pleasure are the names of the game.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Home, family and your private life will be increasingly important in the next four weeks. An interaction with a parent could be significant.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks, with short trips, errands and increased conversations with everyone. How exciting, you've got things to do!

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